

1 10. The tissue acquisition device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said
2 inner cannula main lumen defines a longitudinal center axis which is offset from said
3 inner cannula longitudinal axis.

1 11. The tissue acquisition device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said
2 inner cannula cutout sidewalls are separated by an angle α taken from said inner
3 cannula longitudinal axis, and said outer cannula cutout sidewalls are separated by an
4 angle β taken from said outer cannula longitudinal axis, and wherein α and β are
5 substantially the same.

1 12. The tissue acquisition device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said
2 cutting loop includes a generally circular portion and an end, said end being curved
3 around a point outside said cutting loop.

1 13. The tissue acquisition device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said
2 cutting loop includes two substantially linear portions and a curved middle portion
3 between said two substantially linear portions.

1 14. The tissue acquisition device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said
2 inner cannula includes a screen proximal of said inner cannula cutout which
3 communicates said inner cannula main lumen with the exterior of said inner cannula,
4 said outer cannula includes a screen proximal of said outer cannula cutout which

5 communicates said outer cannula main lumen with the exterior of said outer cannula,
6 and said inner cannula screen is positioned at the same longitudinal and radial
7 position as said outer cannula screen.

1 15. The tissue acquisition device in accordance with Claim 14, further
2 comprising a recess in said inner cannula sidewall, said inner cannula screen formed
3 in said recess, and including an aspiration regulator movable in said recess from an
4 extended position covering a portion of said inner cannula screen and a retracted
5 position covering no portion of said inner cannula screen.

1 16. The tissue acquisition device in accordance with Claim 15, wherein
2 said aspiration regulator comprises a plate which fits in said inner cannula recess
3 without interfering with rotation of said outer cannula relative to said inner cannula,
4 and an actuator extending proximally from said plate.

1 17. The tissue acquisition device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said
2 outer cannula comprises an electrically conductive material on a portion of the
3 exterior of said outer cannula, and said outer cannula is a return electrode for said
4 cutting loop.

1 18. The tissue acquisition device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said
2 inner cannula main lumen comprises a lubricious coating thereon.

1 19. The tissue acquisition device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said
2 passageway comprises a small lumen formed in said inner cannula sidewall.

1 20. The tissue acquisition device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said
2 passageway comprises a channel in an exterior surface of said inner cannula sidewall.

1 21. The tissue acquisition device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said
2 passageway comprises a small lumen formed in said outer cannula sidewall.

1 22. The tissue acquisition device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said
2 passageway comprises a channel in an internal surface of said outer cannula sidewall.

1 23. The tissue acquisition device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said
2 passageway comprises channels in both an exterior surface of said inner cannula
3 sidewall and an internal surface of said outer cannula sidewall.

1 24. A system for sampling tissue from a patient, comprising:
2 a RF energy generator capable of generating RF energy; and
3 an tissue acquisition device in accordance with Claim 1, said cutting
4 wire of said tissue acquisition device in electrical communication with said RF energy
5 generator.